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COMMISSIONER SMITH ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH

Eight Stops Over Two Months Will Showcase State Small Business Assistance Programs

(HARTFORD, CT) – Commissioner Catherine H. Smith of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) today announced a statewide schedule of eight presentations to be offered to small business people, introducing them to the state's small business assistance programs including the highly successful Small Business Express (EXP), Subsidized Training and Employment (Step Up), and Job Expansion Tax Credit (JET) programs.

"We have some of the best tools to help small businesses in the country, and in the past two years, we have helped hundreds and hundreds of small business people achieve their goals," Commissioner Smith said. "Connecticut has experienced the best two-year record of job growth since the late 1990s, with tens of thousands of private sector jobs created. We're looking to continue that trend, so we're getting out to communities to make it a little easier for local business people to learn about our programs, and to provide an opportunity to meet one-on-one with members of our economic development staff."

The following dates are currently scheduled:

- September 12 at the Kings Inn & Suites in Putnam at 9:00 AM
- September 13 at Manchester Community College in Manchester at 9:00 AM
- September 24 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Meriden at 6:00 PM
- September 30 at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport at 9:00 AM
- October 3 at the Groton Municipal Building in Groton at 8:00 AM
- October 7 at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic at 9:00 AM
- October 11 at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich at 9:00 AM
- October 18 at the UConn Branch in Torrington at 9:00 AM

Additional dates will be announced in coming weeks. The forums are co-sponsored by the Connecticut Business and Industry Association and conducted in partnership with local chambers of commerce.

Space is limited. To register, email your first and last name, phone number, company name and address, along with which event you are signing up for, to

SmallBusinessExpressEvent@ct.gov.

For more event information, contact Michelle Peters of DECD at 860.270.8052 or visit www.decd.org.

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